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SUBJECT: THE PRESS AND THE CANAL QUESTION

1. THE STATE VISIT BY PRESIDENT BANZER PUSHED THE CANAL QUESTION INTO THE BACKGROUND IN THE JULY 26 MORNING PRESS. "ESTRELLA" AND "CRITICA" CARRIED FAIRLY LOW-KEY REPORTS ON SOUTHCOM CINC LT. GENERAL DENNIS P. MCAULIFFE'S JULY 22 TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE. (CRITICA DID NOT FAIL TO GET IN A SWIPE AT THE GENERAL.) THE "STAR AND HERALD" AND "MATUTINO" CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON HEARINGS BEFORE THE HOUSE PANAMA CANAL SUBCOMMITTEE JULY 25. THE STAR AND HERALD HEADLINE WAS "EXPERTS: SEA LEVEL CANAL NOT FEASIBLE".

2. AN EDITORIAL IN CRITICA CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF QUOTATIONS FROM LAST WEEK'S COMMUNIQUE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS (PANAMA 5248). THE EDITORIAL ALSO CRITICIZED A COMMUNIQUE TO HTE "NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY" WHICH APPEARED IN THE JULY 25 ESTRELLA. (THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE INDEPENDENT LAWYERS' LETTER AND CALLED FOR A NETURAL-IZED AND DENUCLEARIZED CANAL ZONE.) ESTRELLA'S "LA LLORONA" UNCLASSIFIED

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GOSSIP COLUMN POINTEDLY ASKED, "AND WHEN WAS THE EXISTENCE OF THE PANAMANIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AUTHORIZED BY THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL?" IF IT IS ALLOWED TO EXIST, WHY NOT OTHER PARTIES?

3. RAMON PINEDA, A "MATUTINO" SOLUMNIST, TOOK OUT AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS YAZOO CITY STATEMENTS ON "SHARED

SOVEREIGNTY", THE RIGHT TO DEFEND THE CANAL, PROSPECTS FOR
A SEA-LEVEL CANAL, PRIORITY FOR U.S. WARSHIPS, ETC.

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